THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal at present.

Teachers training by NCERT

†1064. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has been allowed to undertake the work of teachers training on older pattern even after according legal status to NCTE in 1993 and now two institutes are involved in giving similar training;

(b) if so, whether there is any plan to improve the situation;

(c) whether Government have considered according legal status to NCERT and Central Education Board like NCTE; and

(d) by when SCTE would get recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI): (a) to (d) The NCTE has been set up as a Statutory Organisation by an act in Parliament, whereas the NCERT is an autonomous organization registered under Societies Act, functioning under the ambit of this Ministry of Human Resource Development to assist and advise in all matters related to school and teacher education. Roles and functions of NCERT and NCTE being distinct, the training imparted by the two institutions are not similar. There is no proposal to give a statutory status to the NCERT.

Admission in public schools

1065. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provision to give admission to the brother or sister if one of them is already studying in a public school;

(b) whether the provision is not being followed on the plea that they have to give admission to 25 per cent of the poor students; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A FATMI): (a) No, Sir. There is no legal provision for giving admission to the brother or sister if one of them is already studying in a public school.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of IIT in Kerala

1066. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the States which do not have IITs;

(b) whether any proposal from Kerala is pending, to set up an IIT in the State;

(c) whether Government have taken any policy decision to set up the same in the States by upgrading the existing academic institutions; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to set up an IIT by upgrading the existing engineering college at Thiruvanathapuram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) 21 States in the country do not have IITs.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. In view of the announcement made by the Prime Minister on 15th August, 2003 that five new IITs will be set up by upgrading promising academic institutions, the Government has constituted an Expert Committee to identify such academic institutions. A number of proposals from various State Governments have been received by the Government and are under consideration of the Expert Committee. One of the proposals pertains to the upgradation of College of Engineering, Thiruvanathapuram, Kerala to an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). The Report of the Committee is awaited.